

8

DAYS

Glacier Bay National Park

ADVENTURE CRUISE – ROUND-TRIP FROM JUNEAU

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Enjoy a cruise through the famed ‘Inside Passage’ on a small expedition ship keeping a watch out all the time for whales, bears, bald eagles, seals and a large variety of sea birds. View glaciers and icebergs, pristine forests and dramatic fjords.

Active adventure will be at the forefront of your mind when you’re aboard the Wilderness Adventurer. The main lounge feels like a wilderness lodge or neighbourhood pub, with a long bar made from reclaimed Alaskan yellow cedar, and the three accessible decks are ideal for keeping a watch-out for wildlife and taking in the stunning scenery. The sun deck features roomy space for lounging, and the observation deck offers fabulous viewing from the bow.

The vessel is outfitted with adventure gear including kayaks, paddle boards, skiffs, hiking poles, wet suits and snorkel equipment, and yoga mats, and the EZ Dock launch platform on the main deck makes getting into the water a cinch.

A hydrophone and a bow-mounted underwater camera share the sounds and sights below the surface.

The onboard wellness program includes a hot tub and fitness equipment. Common to all cabins are: flat-screen TV/DVD; iPod docking station; private bath with shower; a view window (no portholes).

Key Facts

- * 8 Days / 7 Nights
- * 2020 Departure Dates: Various Saturday departures are available from 11th April to 19th September



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DAY 1

Juneau - Embarkation

Arriving in Juneau, you will be transferred from the airport to our hospitality area. Upon boarding, your crew greets you with champagne and smiles. Set sail for a week of scenic channels and secluded wilderness.

DAY 2

Icy Strait / Cross Sound

Before you do anything, look out of the window. From kelp-lined channels to hemlock and spruce forests, every inch of this far northwest corner is worth exploring. And if the tides are right, head out in the skiff with one of the guides for a closer exploration of the rugged shore. Seals and sea lions haul out on rocky outcroppings, resting before they disappear in the water to search for food. Whatever you do — wilderness trekking, skiffing, or paddling — your expedition team guides the way.

DAY 3

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This crown jewel of America's national parks covers 3.3 million acres (that's a tad smaller than the state of Connecticut). Let that sink in. Most visitors see the same sliver of the park as everyone else. Not you. You're going the furthest and exploring parts that 99% of visitors never go to. And you have three days to do it. Taylor Bay sea stacks and rocky shores make for good adventure. Or hike the outwash field of glaciers winding down the Fairweather Mountain Range. The cool breeze off the nearby snow and icefields is energizing. If you motor over to Dundas Bay, keep your eye out for bears, humpbacks, and wolves. Kayak the bay. Bushwhack into the forest. Discover Glacier Bay outback.



DAY 4

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Your camera's memory card needs plenty of room today. A National Park ranger comes aboard, joining your adventures in Glacier Bay. South Marble Island is abuzz with activity. Rare sea birds, black oystercatchers, and orange-beaked tufted puffins are a sight to behold. A colony of raucous sea lions adds to the hubbub. They add a distinct aroma to the air, too. Tucking into silent Tidal Inlet — the stomping grounds for bears, wolves, mountain goats and eagles — the backdrop is spectacular. At the end of the western-most arm of the bay sits Margerie and Grand Pacific Glaciers, and possible views of glacial calving. Step on deck with the ranger and take it all in.

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There's adventure afloat and ashore. Find a perch on the bridge with your captain, or with your guides on the bow. Follow the seal barks and chatter of birds by kayak and skiff. Hike in boot-sucking mud across a glacial moraine. Then head upwards, where the view is stunning. Back on the boat, don't miss your chance of a polar plunge, and then beeline straight for the hot tub. Bid adieu to your ranger this evening and take a forest walk at Bartlett Cove, if there's daylight left.



DAY 6

Captain's Choice

Just what you need, morning stretches on deck with your guide. Warm those hard-at-play muscles. You know firsthand that conditions in Southeast change one inlet to the next. Your captain is at the helm and picks just the right spot. Lynn Canal or Chatham Strait? Whichever, the adventures are as big as the water is deep. There are so many hidden pockets in the Tongass National Forest to explore. Give your paddle board skills a glide. Watch for big-eyed harbour seals from a kayak. Bushwhack into the forest of giants. Your guides know the area's history and they are brilliant at imparting it.

DAY 7

Haines, Alaska

Haines is the centre of adventure. Tucked beneath snowcapped peaks, Haines has it all – whether you are into hiking, biking, rafting, or history. The trails are irresistible. You can go easy, or push yourself to your limits – whatever your speed, you will be rewarded with spectacular views. Your expedition team shares the city's captivating history. A trading outlet for Chilkat Tlingit (they called it 'Dtehsuh') is the end of the trail. European explorers, the Klondike gold rush, a U.S. Army outpost – these influences are still apparent today. Follow your curiosity on a self-led tour. Tonight, it's a festive Farewell Dinner. A 'photo journal' of your trip by your expedition team is the cherry on top.

DAY 8

Juneau

Linger over breakfast this morning as you cruise into Juneau. Wish your crew and newly-made friends goodbye. Then transfer to the airport where your arrangements end.



What's Included?

- * Seven nights in your chosen cabin category aboard the Wilderness Adventurer
- * All port taxes and charges
- * All meals while onboard the ship
- * All activities
- * National Park Fees

2020 Departure Dates

- * April 11th, 18th & 25th
- * May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
- * June 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
- * July 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
- * August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
- * September 5th, 12th & 19th

The Next Step?

Speak to Denise or one of our expert team and get your holiday off to the perfect start!

Travelling in the USA

As you will be travelling in the USA you will need to obtain an ESTA.

It is your responsibility to ensure you have this before you travel. Please go to <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> for more information.

Effective April 1st, 2016, all Visa Waiver Program (VWP) passengers travelling to the United States are required to have an electronic passport (e-chip) or risk being denied entry upon arrival into the United States.

Please Note

Due to the nature of the explorations, the itineraries given are guidelines and may change in order to maximise wild-life and natural encounters. Variations in itinerary and the order of days may occur.



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